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Assassination Information Kept Secret to Avoid Public Reaction?

THE blue ribbon commission to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, started its work in an atmosphere of skepticism. Since the discovery that the apparent assassin was a Marxist who had denounced this country to live in Russia, only to return here as a partisan of Fidel Castro, doubters have suggested the commission could not reveal everything about the case without jeopardizing diplomatic relations between the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R.

The chief justice himself fueled these suspicions with a remark to an AP reporter that some of the information gleaned from the interrogation of Mrs. Marina Oswald "may not be released in your lifetime." One of the few things which would be that sensitive, or in Warren's own words "may involve matters of national security," would be the revelation that Lee Oswald was in the pay of, or in direct contact with, the Soviet or Cuban government.

Marina Mikeleyavna Pruskeva Oswald told the commission she is the daughter of a colonel in the Soviet intelligence service. As such, she had social, economic, and educational advantages not available to the average Russian of her generation. Many in this elite younger generation in Russia have become quite blase about Marx, Lenin, Khrushchev, and Communist dogma. Their luxuries have come from non-Communist countries, via special shops not open to the hoi polloi. Many of them are quick to say they would seek citizenship in America, but are kept at home by our laws, which deny admission to the families of Communist functionaries. Mrs. Oswald's reported decision to speak freely, to ensure that she and her children will have a chance to remain in America, is thus quite believable.

The Warren commission employs as assistant counsel Norman Redlich, a professor at New York University Law School, who is listed on a July, 1963, letterhead of the emergency civil liberties committee (ECLC) as a member of that group's executive committee. The ECLC, not to be confused with the American Civil Liberties Union, was described in the 1959 annual report of the house committee on un-American activities in these words:

"The committee finds that the emergency civil liberties committee, established in 1951, although representing itself as a non-Communist group, actually operates as a front for the Communist Party. It has repeatedly assisted, by means of funds and legal aid, Communists involved in Smith Act violations and similar legal proceedings. One of its chief activities has been and still is the dissemination of voluminous Communist propaganda material."

Counsel Redlich apparently knows what Mrs. Oswald told the commission. It is fair to assume that what an ECLC executive knows is also known to the Communists, and there is no secrecy between the U. S. Reds and Moscow. The end result is that the American people are being kept in the dark, not to keep a secret from the Soviet Union, but to avoid public reaction in this country.

Another term for this is "managed news."

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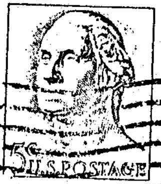

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